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KEDIA, MICHAEL []

NAME AND ALIASES D. KEDIA, Michael & Kohler, Michael <i>Michael</i>		COUNTRY AND PLACE TURKEY	
NATIONALITY, BIRTHDATE AND BIRTHPLACE Georgian (or Armenian) ? Trautenau. 1902.		German passport No. 857, issued Berlin 15.3.43 <i>Michael Kedia</i>	
SD Agent STATUS		DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPH	
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Turkish Primer, April, 1944:
SUBJECT is said to be the son of Meki KEDIA, the former director of the "Surete Georgienne" and to be the nephew of Spiridon KEDIA, reported to be the leader of the Georgian Fascist Party in Berlin. Has been in the service of the Germans since 1941. First recruited Caucasians in Europe and Caucasian prisoners of war in order to form an anti-Communist legion. Travelled three or four times between Prague and Turkey in 1942. Was in ISTANBUL from 26.3.43 to 17.4.43 and from 4.12.43 to 18.12.43. Uses the alias of Michael KOHLER and was described in March 1943 as a German of Armenian extraction, this being probably part of his cover. In 1942 and 1943 recruited agents for the S.D. to send to the Caucasus by parachute. During his visit in December, is reported to have been attempting to find staff for a Georgian monastery to be set up in Rome, which should include two S.D. agents. Is connected with Friederich WAGNER and Eugen LANG.

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